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Tatsushi OGAWA et al. ) Confirmation No.: 1486  
Application No.: 10/564,761 ) Group Art Unit: 3721  
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For: CYLINDRICAL CONTACT ARM )  
HAVING A TAPERED GUIDE )  
SECTION IN A POWER-DRIVEN )  
NAILING MACHINE (As Amended) )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the foreign patent listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 is provided.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated March 5, 2008 in the corresponding European application 04 74 6538, a copy of which is enclosed.

European Patent No. 1 258 323 cited in the Supplementary European Search Report is related to Japanese Patent No. 2002-337066, was previously disclosed in this application in the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed on January 17, 2006, and thus is not listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants respectfully request that these items be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these references by initialing and returning copies of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next official action.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

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